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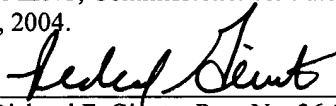
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Serial No.: 10/809,173  
Confirmation No.: 7774  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING THE  
DYNAMIC ASSIGNMENT OF RESOURCES IN A DATA  
STORAGE SYSTEM

Examiner: Woo H. Choi  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

The sole rejection made in the Office Action is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection. While the Office Action does not specifically state the patent number on which the rejection is based, during a telephone discussion with the Examiner on September 16, 2004 (the substance of which is summarized herein), the Examiner confirmed that the patent on which the rejection is based is U.S. Patent No. 6,725,331, which issued from the parent of the present application. A terminal disclaimer is attached to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any issues remain

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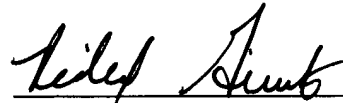
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outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below to expedite allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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